IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (twice amended) [The guide wire according to claim 1] A guide wire for use in navigating a medical device through a body lumen to a particular location, the guide wire having a proximal end and a distal end, and a magnet on the distal end, the guide wire being sufficiently flexible adjacent the magnet to allow the wire to flex in response to a magnetic field applied to the magnet, yet the wire being sufficiently stiff to allow the wire to be advanced through the body lumen; wherein the magnet on the distal end comprises a flexible magnetic material forming a distal end section of the guide wire.

Rewrite claim 4 as follows:

4. (twice amended) The guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the magnet on the distal end comprises a plurality of magnets on a distal end section of the guide wire in spaced apart relation allowing the guide wire to assume a shape under control of the magnetic field.

Rewrite claim 9 as follows:

9. (twice amended) [The combination according to claim 7] In combination with a medical device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen therebetween, a guide wire having a proximal end, a distal end, and a magnet on the distal end, the guide wire extending through the lumen of the medical device, with the distal end of the guide wire extending beyond the distal end of the medical device; wherein the magnet on the distal end comprises a flexible magnetic material forming a distal end section of the guide wire.

Rewrite claim 10 as follows:

10. (twice amended) The combination according to claim 7 wherein the magnet on the distal end comprises a plurality of magnets on a distal end section of the guide wire in spaced apart relation allowing the guide wire to assume a shape under control of the magnetic field.

Rewrite claim 15 as follows:

15. (twice amended) [The method according to claim 13] A method of navigating a medical device through a body lumen to a desired location within the body, the method comprising:

providing a medical device having a lumen therethrough, the lumen having a proximal end and a distal end;

inserting a guide wire having a proximal end and a magnetic distal tip through the lumen of the device until at least a portion of the magnetic distal tip extends distally beyond the distal end of the lumen in the medical device;

inserting the medical device and guide wire into a lumen in the body;

navigating the medical device through the lumen in the body by applying a magnetic field to orient the magnetic tip in the desired direction of travel;

advancing the guide wire in the direction in which the magnetic tip is oriented; and

advancing the medical device over the guide wire; wherein the magnetic tip of the guide wire comprises a distal section of the guide wire being made from a flexible magnetic material.

Rewrite claim 16 as follows:

16. (twice amended) The method according to claim 13 wherein the magnetic tip of the guide wire comprises a plurality of magnets secured on a distal end section of the guide wire in spaced apart relation allowing the guide wire to assume a shape under control of the magnetic field.

Rewrite claim 26 as follows:

26. (twice amended) [The combination according to claim 24] In combination with a guide wire having a proximal end, a distal end, and a magnetic distal tip, a medical device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending substantially to the distal end of the device, the guide wire extending into the lumen of the medical device with the magnetic distal tip in the distal end of the lumen in the medical device; wherein a distal end portion of the guide wire is sufficiently flexible to allow the magnetic tip to move in response to an applied magnetic field, but a proximal section of the guide wire is sufficiently stiff to advance the medical device through a lumen in the body; and wherein the magnetic distal tip comprises a flexible magnetic material forming a distal end section of the guide wire.

Rewrite claim 27 as follows:

27. (twice amended) The combination according to claim 24 wherein the magnetic distal tip comprises a plurality of magnets on a distal end section of the guide wire in spaced apart relation allowing the guide wire to assume a shape under control of the magnetic field.

Rewrite claim 33 as follows:

33. (twice amended) [The method according to claim 31] A method of navigating a medical device through a body lumen to a desired location within the body, the method comprising:

providing a medical device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending to substantially the distal end of the medical device;

inserting a guide wire having proximal end and a magnetic distal tip into the lumen until the magnetic tip is substantially adjacent the distal end of the medical device;

inserting the medical device and guide wire into a lumen in the body;

navigating the medical device through the lumen in the body by applying a magnetic field to orient the magnetic tip inside the lumen of the medical device so that the distal end of the medical device is oriented in the desired direction of travel; and

advancing the guide wire and the medical device in the direction in which the distal end of the medical device is oriented; wherein the magnetic tip of the guide wire comprises a distal end section of the guide wire being made from a flexible magnetic material.

Rewrite claim 34 as follows: